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1. A Volkspolizei regiment with a strength of about 2,500 men has been stationed since the middle of August 1953 north of Jatznick near the railway line. The unit is equipped with trucks and light armored vehicles. There were 11 armored reconnaissance cars, 16 guns 122 mm, 8 mortars 120 mm, 18 mortars 82 mm, and 26 heavy machine guns. The regiment has its own medical section and a radio detachment of 15 men which is quartered in three H3A-type trucks with closed bodies. The unit is equipped for field marching. The heavier guns have IFA tractors and the lighter guns Phanomen open platform trucks to tow them. In addition, the unit has 126 cargo trucks for personnel transport.
2. This unit was organized in October 1952, and took part in maneuvers in Poland during May, June and July 1953. It is to be transferred to Lobau, in Saxony, at the end of October, when the barracks are ready.

*[Available on loan from the CIA Library is a map showing the position of the regiment. The rectangle marked "I" indicates the vehicle park.]*

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